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3. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it is purified from the skin of mammals.

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4. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it is purified from human skin.

5. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it is purified from the human epidermis.

6. (Amended) Natural or synthetic polypeptide whose sequence in part comprises the sequence of polypeptide as described in claim 1.

7. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it has a theoretical isoelectric point between 1 and 6.

8. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it has a theoretical molecular weight of between 13 and 17 kilodaltons (kD).

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9. (Amended) Mixture of polypeptides obtained from the proteolysis of polypeptide as described in claim 1.

10. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein in its primary sequence, it has at least one calcium-fixing site.

11. (Amended) Polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein it fixes calcium.

12. (Amended) Composition comprising in a physiologically acceptable medium an effective amount of at least one polypeptide as defined in claim 1.

13. (Amended) Composition intended to regulate the impairments of epidermal, normal or pathological proliferation or differentiation, comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, an effective amount of at least one polypeptide as defined in claim 1.

14. (Amended) Composition for treating dry skin, hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis, psoriasis, ichthyoses, or neoplasias, comprising in a physiologically acceptable medium, an effective amount of at least one polypeptide as defined in claim 1.

15. (Amended) Composition according to claim 12, which is intended for cosmetic or pharmaceutical application.

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16. (Amended) A method for the treatment of dry skin, hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis, psoriasis, ichthyoses, or neoplasias, comprising administering an effective amount of at least one polypeptide according to claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

17. (Amended) A method for regulating transglutaminases comprising administering an effective amount of at least one polypeptide according to claim 1 to a patient in need of such regulation.

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the polypeptide or the composition is intended to regulate transglutaminase 3.

19. (Amended) The composition according to claim 12, wherein the polypeptide or the composition is intended to regulate the formation of the corneal layer of the epidermis.

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20. (Amended) A method for treating dry skin, hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis, psoriasis, ichthyoses, neoplasias, wherein a cosmetic composition as described in claim 12 is applied on the skin of the subject to be treated.

21. (Amended) Isolated deoxyribonucleic acid fragment that codes for the polypeptide as defined in claim 1.

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24. (Amended) Cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition, wherein it comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one nucleotide sequence as described in claim 22.

25. (Amended) A polypeptide or a mixture of polypeptides comprising at least one deoxyribonucleic acid sequence as described in claim 22.

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29. (Amended) A method for preparing a ribonucleic acid comprising using at least one deoxyribonucleic acid sequence as described in claim 22.

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30. (Amended) A method for preparing or purifying any molecule that can be bound specifically to at least one isolated purified polypeptide as described in claim 1 or to purified proteolysis fragments of said polypeptide or to a synthetic peptide of said polypeptide.

31. (Amended) A method for preparing or purifying antiserums or specific monoclonal antibodies comprising using at least one isolated polypeptide or at least one of its proteolysis fragments or any synthetic peptide as described in claim 1.

32. (Amended) Polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies, wherein said antibody recognizes specifically the polypeptide as described in claim 1.

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